

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Claims 43-58, 62-75, 77-82 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-42, 59-61, and 76 remain pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 1-30, 33-34 and 38-42, as well as the allowability of claims 31, 32 and 35-37 once § 112 issues are resolved. Applicants also note that claim 76 depends from claim 1 and should likewise be allowable.

Some of the claims have been amended to more clearly describe the invention. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments, which are clearly supported in the originally filed specification.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 31-32, and 35-37 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite, to the extent that such a rejection is maintained. The claims have been amended as appropriate, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 59-61 have been amended to depend from independent method claim 42, which was previously indicated as being allowable, and these claims should likewise be allowable.

In view of the amendments and comments presented herein, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference is deemed beneficial, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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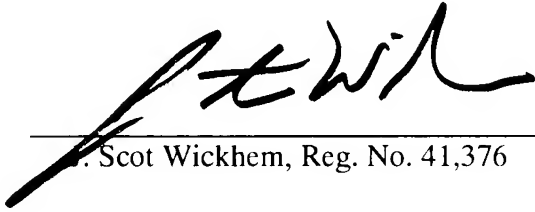
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